

Morning Highlights

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EMERGENCY FIREFIGHTER CREW MOVEMENT

It is the time of year when many firefighters in Nomex fire resistant yellow shirts and green pants are visible walking around the BLM Alaska Fire Service and Alaska Interagency Coordination Center section of Fort Wainwright. Wednesday, over 200 State and Federal firefighters were processed on post by administrative overhead. The first group of Emergency Firefighter (EFF) crews to return from wildland fire incidents in the Lower-48 overlapped yesterday afternoon with five, fresh crews that were preparing for this morning's departure to Idaho. Below is a picture illustration of this transition:

(Note: the crews that returned Wednesday were: Kiana #1, Koyuk, Huslia #1, Noorvik #2 and Delta #2. The crews that left this morning were: Upper Kalskag, Hooper Bay # 2 and #3, Nondalton #2 and Tok.)



Top Left: Personnel retrieve Group 1's gear from the airplane and load it onto trucks.

Top Right: The Koyuk Crew waiting in line to check out.

Bottom Left: The Tok Crew leads the line of EFF crews in waiting for departure.

Bottom Right: Group 4 grabs sack lunches and boards the chartered jet.

FIRE ENGINE UPDATE

Wildland fire engines, provided by the State of Alaska, are en route to Montana where they will help with suppression efforts. See full story at: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>

FIRE INFORMATION FOR ALASKA

One new fire was reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Wednesday. The lightning-caused fire, roughly 20 miles northwest of Kiana, is burning in tundra and generating smoke. It is being monitored. So far this year, 477 fires have burned over 356,680 acres statewide. Fires that are currently staffed include:

Datkokan Creek (#528):

The fire is located roughly five miles northwest of Stevens Village. Three crews (Artic Village, Beaver/Stevens Village and Minto #2) made good progress in mop up along the perimeter and in toward the interior of the fire. The fire will be flown with an Infrared camera to check for hot spots before demobilization is started.

Gold Hill Creek (#534):

Eight smokejumpers contained the fire and are expected to demobilize this evening.

Coal River (#534):

Using a helicopter with a bucket that can make water drops, firefighters were able to secure the perimeter and will demob this afternoon.

Charley River (#409):

Personnel are beginning to demobilize. The fire was quiet with some smoke showing within the interior of the north flank and along the southern perimeter.

FIRE INFORMATION FOR THE LOWER-48

Initial attack was moderate Tuesday with 220 new fires reported nationally. Information about the national situation may be found at: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf> or visit a map to see locations of incidents: http://activefiremaps.fs.fed.us/lq_fire2.php

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ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov>
 - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
 - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
- National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/pdfs/02firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov>
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626, <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov>

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